HERSHEY CO Form 8-K April 19, 2007

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

	Washington, D.C.	20549	
FORM 8-K			
CURRENT REPORT			
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934			
April 19, 2007  Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)			
The Hershey Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)			
Delaware			
	(State or other jurisdiction of	-	
(Co.	1-183 mmission File Number)	23-0691590 (IRS Employer Identification No.)	
100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)			
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-4200			
	propriate box below if the Form 8-K filing gation of the registrant under any of the	ng is intended to simultaneously satisfy following provisions:	
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#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 19, 2007, The Hershey Company ("the Company") announced sales and earnings for the first quarter of 2007. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report, including the Exhibit, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### **Item 9.01** Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
  - 99.1 Press Release dated April 19, 2007

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 19, 2007

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

By: /s/ David J. West

David J. West

Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>
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99.1 The Hershey Company Press Release dated April 19, 2007